**Restructuring of the Ministry**

1377. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTARCHRJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to restructure the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by when it will be implemented;

(d) whether a demand to implement the recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission regarding optimum civilisation of Service Headquarters has been received from AFHQ Associations; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon and the time by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Some proposals having a bearing on the re-organisation of Ministry of Defence are being examined in the Government.

(d) and (e) Representations from the Associations on the subject are under consideration.

**Discrepancies in Recruitment**

1378. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are discrepancies in recruiting requirements for the Armed Forces between various areas within the Jammu region;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether these anomalies will be removed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Recruitment in Navy and Air Force is on